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MDMA unit busted in Mysuru; four arrested

▶ Garage on Ring Road turns into party drug manufacturing hub

▶ 13-kg MDMA drug seized; 50-kg in the final stage of production

Mysuru, July 27 (BLU&BCT)- Has Mysuru, a city celebrated for its culture, peace and royal heritage, turned into a safe haven for drug mafias? Growing suspicion suggests that large consignments of narcotics are being manufactured and stockpiled here and quietly transported to other destinations.

This came to light during a joint operation by the Maharashtra Anti-Narcotics Squad and Mysuru City Police yesterday. Four persons — two from Mysuru and two from Mumbai — were arrested on charges of producing liquid MDMA (Methylenedioxymethamphetamine), commonly known as *Ecstasy* or *Party Drug*.

The MDMA unit functioned inside this vehicle garage on Ring Road.

The identities of the accused have not been revealed yet.

(See MDMA on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 27th July 2025

First-ever RGUHS workshop on hand splinting held

Mysuru, July 27 (BCT)- At a special event for the field of occupational therapy, the Department of Occupational Therapy at Heritage City Institute of Allied Health Sciences, Mysuru, hosted the first-ever hands-on workshop on Hand Splinting under the banner of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS).

Hand splinting is a common therapeutic intervention used by occupational therapists, particularly for individuals with neurological conditions or injuries.

The workshop brought together nearly 120 participants, including students and professional delegates from across Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh. Attendees gained hands-on experience in designing and fabricating various types of therapeutic hand splints under expert supervision.

The chief guests for the occasion were A.B. Ibrahim (retd. IAS) and Soudha Ibrahim, Trustee of the Heritage City Group of Institutions. Dr. D. Sridhar from Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Udupi, served as the workshop's resource person.

His in-depth practical session covered fabrication techniques, types of hand splints and their clinical applications, offering participants a comprehensive learning experience.

Faculty members and students were present in full strength. The workshop not only marked a milestone in practical training but also set a precedent for inter-institutional collaboration and innovation in occupational therapy education.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

LIKE THE STILL HUB OF A SPINNING WHEEL: ***Life continues to test us with harsh words, insults, and sudden losses. But instead of reacting, pause. Train your mind to respond not from emotion, but from a place of dharm, what is right and not from impulse.***

Responding with calm clarity is not a weakness; it is a strength. Like a skilled archer who waits for the wind to still before releasing the arrow, the wise wait for their mind to settle before taking action. Let emotions rise, but don't be swept away. Watch them, and then choose your response not from ego or hurt, but from your more profound sense of what is right, your dharm.

The Gita says, "Karmanye vadhikaraste, ma phalesu kadachana", you have the right to perform your duty, but you are not entitled to the fruits of action. Focus on the action itself rather than the outcome, not becoming attached to results. This is the essence of Karm yog, action born from clarity, not compulsion. The wise one does not seek to escape the world but to elevate it through mindful presence. Silence is not withdrawal, but alignment. Detachment is not denial, but purity of intention. The soul is not void, but a spark of Brahmn, infinite and complete.

Practice quieting the mind each day through meditation, not just in silence, but also in the midst of the world's bustle. Whether speaking to a friend, facing criticism, or choosing your daily duties, remain rooted. This is abhyas, practice, combined with vairagya, detachment, twin wings of yog.

—Vijay Hashia in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Cat steals neighbours' innerwear!

Auckland: A cat named Leo earned the nickname "Leonardo da Pinchy" after he was shown to be a literal cat burglar with a penchant for stealing underwear.

Owner Helen North said Leo, a 14-month-old Tonkinese, has brought home about 150 pilfered items in the past nine months.

North said Leo's favourite items to steal include underwear and socks, but he isn't too picky.

She said Sundays are Leo's top days for crime, as that's when the neighbourhood clothes lines are the most populated with easily-reachable clothing items.

North said she uses a local WhatsApp group and Facebook groups to help her neighbours reclaim Leo's ill-gotten gains. She said the largest thing Leo has brought home was a 5-foot-long stuffed snake.

Teenager eating only veggies almost dies

Beijing: A 16-year-old girl teenager from China's Hunan province almost lost her life after attempting a dangerous diet of just vegetables and laxatives to lose weight fast.

In a desperate attempt to fit into a new birthday dress, the teenager, identified only as Mei, adopted a crash diet that landed her in the hospital.

For two weeks, Mei only consumed small portions of vegetables and laxatives and was eventually rushed to the hospital after suddenly losing strength in her arms and legs and developing shortness of breath.

Emergency blood tests showed that Mei's blood potassium levels had dropped to dangerous levels, resulting in a condition called serious hypokalaemia. If left untreated, the life-threatening condition can cause respiratory failure and sudden cardiac arrest.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Angioplasty = Quick Lifesaver

Primary angioplasty within the first 60 minutes of a heart attack greatly improves survival and recovery.

By Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy –
Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology
Manipal Hospitals, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Personality Development Camps at Suttur Mutt, B.R. Hills

Mysuru, July 27- Sri Suttur Mutt, JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment have jointly organised Personality Development Camps at Suttur Sri Kshethra in Nanjangud from Aug. 5 to 10, Sept. 9 to 14 and Oct. 7 to 12 and at B.R. Hills from Nov. 11 to 16.

Mass prayers, yoga, special discourse, religious deliberations, desi sports and cultural programmes will be held daily during the camps.

Those interested to participate in the camps, can directly contact JSS Publishing Division or call B. Rajesh on Ph: 0821-2548212 or Mob: 99641-41560, to register their names.

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- ***Goat is among the cleanest of animals and is a much more selective feeder than cows, sheep, pigs, chickens and even dogs. They eat many different species of plants, but do not want to eat food that has been contaminated or that has been on the floor/ground.***
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VOICE OF THE READER

On Kukkarahalli Lake walking path

Sir,

This has reference to the news item ***'Repair Kukkarahalli Lake Walking Path: MGP urges UoM VC'*** in *Star of Mysore* dated July 23.

I am a senior citizen walking around Kukkarahalli Kere every morning. I am so happy that we have this piece of untouched nature in the heart of the city.

It has currently become a trend to cover walking paths in parks with concrete pavers. Natural surfaces like dirt trails and gravel are gentler on the knees than hard concrete.

Unlike dirt and gravel, or even asphalt, concrete pavers are not compressible under pressure and the impact on knees and ankles is higher while walking or running.

It will also take away from the natural beauty of the lake if artificial elements are introduced. I request the University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor (VC) to keep this in mind and involve experts in any planned improvement of this walking paths.

—Dr. Usha Srinath
Saraswathipuram
23.7.2025

Actress inaugurates 'Silk India-2025'

***Actress Rajalakshmi K. Murthy** (holding blue saree), who formally inaugurated the 'Silk India-2025' expo organised by Abhivruddi at Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry in city yesterday, is seen taking a look at a saree on display.*

Mysuru, July 27- 'Silk India-2025,' a spectacular 11-day silk exhibition, organised by Abhivruddi in celebration of the auspicious Varamahalakshmi Festival, at Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry on Vinobha Road in city from July 25, was formally inaugurated by film actress Rajalakshmi K. Murthy yesterday.

The expo, which will be open from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm will Aug. 4, showcases a wide array of authentic silk sarees, dress materials, designer fabrics and handloom products.

Speaking at the inauguration, actress Rajalakshmi K. Murthy expressed her admiration for the diversity of Indian silk traditions. "It is inspiring to see such a beautiful initiative that supports handloom weavers and promotes our rich textile heritage. Events like these remind us of the cultural identity that silk carries, especially during festivals like Varamahalakshmi," she said.

T. Abhinand, organiser from Abhivruddi, stated, 'Silk India-2025 is not just a shopping expo, but a celebration of craftsmanship and tradition. By directly connecting weavers with consumers, we ensure authenticity, fair pricing and appreciation for the artistry involved."

In addition to silk sarees, the exhibition also includes bed covers, stoles, shawls, kurtis, boutique sarees and wedding collections, catering to every style and budget.

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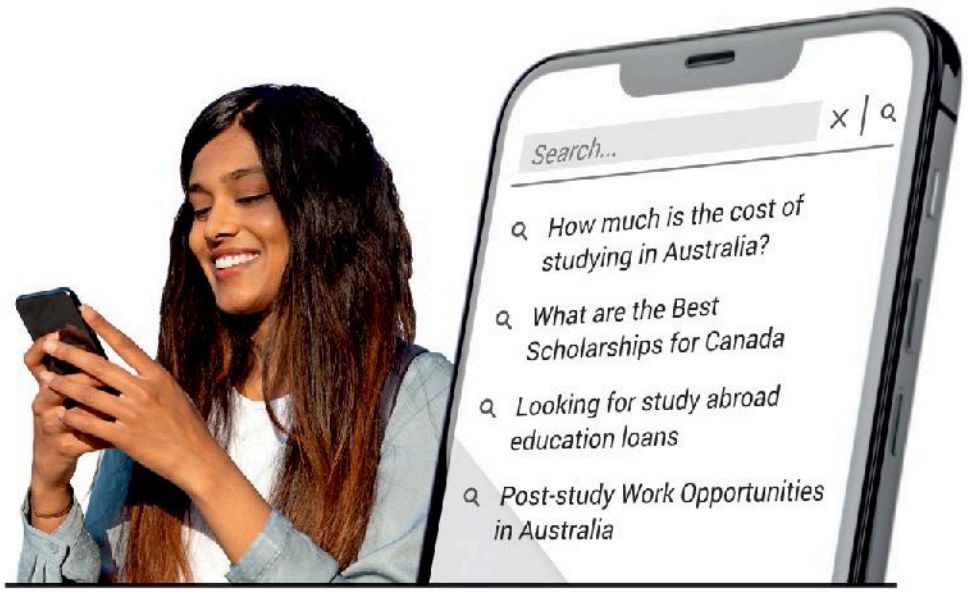
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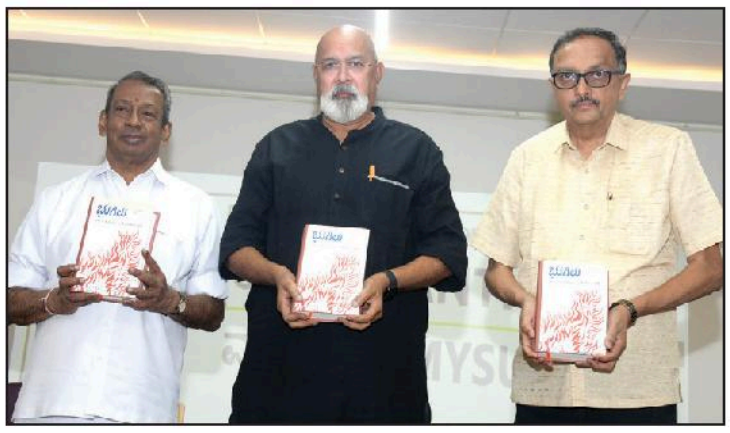
RSS leader slams those accusing Centre of undermining Constitution

Mysuru, July 27 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that those who blatantly violated the Constitution by promulgating Emergency 50 years ago, are now accusing the NDA Government at the Centre of undermining the Constitution by attempting to change it, senior RSS leader D.M. Ravindra (Da. Ma. Ravindra) said that the Leftists and the so called progressive leaders have only poured water to the false propaganda of the Congress.

He was speaking at the programme organised under the joint aegis of Sri Jana Jagarana Trust and Manthana,Mysuru, for the release of the re-print edition of the book 'Bhugilu', which contains the explosive stories on the struggles against Emergency imposed 50 years ago, at BSS Vidyodaya school in Krishnamurthypuram here yesterday.



Senior RSS leader D.M. Ravindra, Former VC of Raichur University Prof. Harish Ramaswamy and Sri Jana Jagruti Trust President R. Vasudev Bhat relaunching the book on Emergency 'Bhugilu' in city yesterday.

"Most of the younger generation of today do not know much about Emergency. But the younger generation is aware of the false and mischievous propaganda being carried out by the Congress against the NDA Government at the Centre in respect of the Constitution. Even the left parties and the so-called progressive organisations have joined this false propaganda. Every senior citizen of the country is aware of the dark days of Emergency, when thousands of leaders belonging to the then Opposition parties were jailed overnight, for no reason. Also Sangh parivar organisations such as RSS, Jana Sangh, Vishwa Hindu Parishat, Rashtrothana Parishat etc., were banned all of a sudden. The then top Opposition leaders too were not spared and sent to jail. Udupi Pejawar Mutt, upon seeing all these developments, wrote a letter to the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi strongly condemning the declaration of Emergency across the country", Ravindra said.

Maintaining that the RSS was specifically targeted during Emergency, Ravindra asserted that it was Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and other Congress Governments which effected the most number of amendments to the Constitution.

"The book highlights the efforts made by the RSS to save the Constitution. RSS leader Guruji, who was the second Sarsanghchalak had said that Democracy and Socialism are embodied in Hindutva, while the third RSS Sarsanghchalak Balasaheb Deoras had said that apart from Democracy and Socialism, Secularism too was embodied in Hindutva and as such there is no necessity of bringing back these words. All the three will sustain if Hindutva is practised", he said.

Arguing that Hindutva means cultural nationalism, Ravindra said that both Culture and Nationalism are embodied in Hindutva. Contending that Hindutva does not mean opposing others, he maintained that Hindutva brings goodness to the entire world.

Noting that it has been 11 years since 'Swayam Sevaks' are in power in the country, he said the entire world now wants India and India needs Hindutva. Observing that Yoga is an integral part of Hindutva, he said it is significant to note that the International Day of Yoga is now being celebrated in as many as 175 countries. More than 20 countries, including some Muslim countries, have conferred their Highest Civilian award on Prime Minister Modi and Sanskrit is being taught in more than 140 countries, which goes to show the growing clout of India in the global scenario, he pointed out.

Former Raichur University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Harish Ramaswamy, Sri Jana Jagaran Trust President R. Vasudev Bhat, MLA T.S. Srivatsa and others were present.

GP records stashed in a house, 5,832 e-Khatas unissued: Lokayukta Mysuru SP

Mysuru, July 27 (BLU&BS)- In a startling revelation, it has come to light that the documents of Srirampura Gram Panchayat (GP), which was recently upgraded to a Town Panchayat, were concealed at a house in Srirampura.

This follows the Lokayukta raids on five Zonal offices of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), four Town Panchayats and one City Municipal Council (CMC) on Friday.

Reacting to a query of *Star of Mysore* about the documents of various Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) stashed in a house, T.J. Udesh, Superintendent of Police (SP), Mysuru division, said, the documents pertaining to earlier Srirampura GP were found at a house in Srirampura locality.

"The documents spanning several years are being examined to find out who does they belong to. The higher officials will be apprised of the findings, only after verifying the documents in detail," said SP Udesh.

Over 5k e-Khatas

That apart, the raids on MCC Zonal offices and other ULBs brought to fore, how the 5,832 e-Khatas were kept surreptitiously in respective offices, pending for disposal, without handing them over to the property owners.

A total of 43 such e-khatas were found in MCC Zonal office-1, 364 in MCC Zonal office-3, 398 in MCC Zonal office- 7,390 in MCC Zonal office-8 and 400 in MCC Zonal office-9, 448 in Bogadi Town Panchayat, 60 in Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC), 1,837 in Rammanahalli Town Panchayat, 1076 in Srirampura Town Panchayat and 152 in Kadakola Town Panchayat, all totalling 5,832 e-Khatas.

A report with regard to the raids will be submitted to the Lokayukta head office in Bengaluru. A notice seeking explanation will be issued to the officials and staff of those urban local bodies for keeping the e-khata pending for disposal. Further action will be taken on the basis of the reply received to the notice, as per instructions from the head office, added Lokayukta SP Udesh.

Protest march taken out against revision of pension scheme

Mysuru, July 27 (MTY&KS)- Condemning the steps being taken up for revision of Central Government's pension scheme and urging to continue the old pension system, members of Karnataka State Retired Government Employees Association took out a protest march in city yesterday.

The members, who assembled at Shikshakara Bhavan, near old KMF Milk Dairy, took out the protest march to the new DC Office in Siddarthanagar where they staged a dharna.

Pointing out that the Central Government was taking steps to revise the pension scheme which is an unscientific procedure, the protesters said that receiving pension is the right of a retired employee.

Members of Karnataka State Government Employees Association staging a protest near new DC's office in the city yesterday.

"This is not the decision of the Central Government and pension is not a donation. Hence the Centre should not revise the pension scheme," they urged.

Money for the pension comes from the savings of the employees and hence the old pension scheme should be continued failing which the protestors warned of intensifying their protest.

Over 200 pensioners took part in the protest.

Woman injured as wild boar trap bomb explodes

She crushed a crude bomb after mistaking it for an areca nut

Mysuru, July 27 (BCT)- A 55-year-old woman sustained serious injuries after a crude bomb, planted as a wild boar trap, exploded near her house in Huyilalu village of Hunsur taluk.

Kamalamma

The victim, identified as Kamalamma, wife of Lokesh, reportedly mistook the explosive for an areca nut and attempted to crush it with a stone, triggering the blast.

The incident occurred on Friday when Kamalamma was returning home from her farm. The explosion caused severe injuries to her face, hands and abdomen. Farmers in the area are known to place crude bombs in fields to deter wild boars, local sources said.

Alerted by the loud blast, villagers rushed to the spot and shifted Kamalamma to K.R. Nagar Taluk Hospital for first aid. She was later referred to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru for advanced treatment.

The impact of the explosion also damaged nearby household items and left the village in shock. Locals said Kamalamma frequently visited the plantation house to feed her pet cat.

Following the incident, the bomb squad, fingerprint experts and forensic teams inspected the site. SP N. Vishnuvardhana and Inspector Santosh Kashyap also visited the spot and gathered details from residents.

Satellite tolling, 14 booths on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway

Centre approves Rs. 712-crore project; scheduled to be ready in two years

Mysuru, July 27 (AG&BCT)- In a significant move to ease commuter woes on National Highway 275 (Mysuru–Bengaluru Highway), the **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** has announced plans to establish 14 new toll collection points along the route.

These toll plazas will be strategically located at major entry and exit points, paving the way for distance-based tolling instead of the existing flat-rate system.

According to NHAI officials, this upgrade is being undertaken ahead of the rollout of the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS), which will usher in satellite-based electronic toll collection.

Under this system, tolls will be automatically calculated and deducted based on the exact distance travelled, eliminating the need for physical toll booths. The move promises shorter travel times, reduced congestion and cost savings for motorists covering shorter distances.

At present, the Highway operates with two toll plazas, one at Gananguru near Srirangapatna and another at Kaniminike near Bidadi. Currently, motorists pay fixed charges irrespective of the distance travelled.

For instance, Bengaluru to Nidaghatta costs Rs. 180 for a one-way trip and Rs. 270 for a return within 24 hours, while Nidaghatta to Mysuru via Gananguru costs Rs. 175 for a one-way journey and Rs. 260 for a return trip.

This uniform rate structure has drawn criticism from daily commuters using only short stretches of the Highway. The proposed 14 toll points will address this concern by charging users proportionally for the distance covered.

Major infrastructure upgrades

The Rs. 712-crore project, awarded to Dhariwal Buildtech Ltd., is expected to be completed within two years. It involves major infrastructure upgrades such as constructing three railway overbridges that connect to service roads, seven underpasses and overpasses to streamline traffic flow, and a dedicated flyover at Manipal Hospital Junction in Mysuru to ease congestion.

Additionally, around 22.5 kilometres of service roads will be laid across various segments of the Highway, with 35 bus shelters and two truck lay-bys planned for commuter convenience.

Entry and exit points

The Highway's entry and exit infrastructure will be implemented in a phased manner to optimise traffic flow. Between Bengaluru and the Bidadi bypass, two toll access points will manage vehicle entry and exit, with another two planned for the stretch from Bidadi to Ramanagara bypass.

The corridor between Ramanagara and Nidaghatta via Channapatna will feature three access points to accommodate higher traffic volumes. Two additional entry and exit facilities are planned between Maddur and Mandya bypass, while the final stretch from Mandya to Srirangapatna will be equipped with four strategically located toll booths.

> **"The Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 712 crore for the development of the Mysuru–Bengaluru Highway. A comprehensive renovation plan is now being prepared to address long-standing gaps in infrastructure, including the lack of guard rails and safety fixtures along crucial stretches of the National Highway. The new funding will focus on resolving these persistent issues, enhancing safety measures and adding much-needed facilities such as underpasses and flyovers."**
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> —Yaduveer Wadiyar, Mysuru-Kodagu MP

Mysore Airport runway expansion

NH-766 realignment reviewed; approvals in progress: Gadkari

Mysuru, July 27 (AG&BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar sought clarity from Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari in Parliament on July 24 on proposed realignment of National Highway 766 (Mysuru-Nanjangud-Gundlupet-Ooty) to enable the expansion of Mysore Airport runway.

Responding to his query, Gadkari confirmed that Airports Authority of India (AAI) has formally requested diversion of Mysuru-Nanjangud stretch of the Highway to support Airport's development plan. He said the alignment proposal has been reviewed in consultation with the State Govt. and necessary approvals are in progress to fast-track the project. He assured that coordination with the State Govt. would continue to ensure timely completion of the realignment, which is expected to boost regional air connectivity and spur economic growth in Mysuru and neighbouring districts.

He clarified, diversion would have minimal impact on Mysuru-Nilgiri corridor, as it is limited to a stretch critical for Airport expansion. Further details on revised alignment and execution timelines are awaited from NHAI.

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Dr. Yathindra's Siddaramaiah - Nalwadi Wadiyar comparison

After Devaraj Urs, Nalwadi, is the Goddess next? Prathap Simha's jibe

Mysuru, July 27 (BCT)- Congress leader and MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, son of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has triggered controversy by suggesting that his father's contributions to Mysuru rival — or even surpass — those of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the revered Maharaja of Mysore kingdom.

Responding, former MP Prathap Simha launched a blistering attack, recalling past claims: "Siddaramaiah once projected himself as greater than former CM Devaraj Urs. Now he's compared to Nalwadi Wadiyar. At this rate, if he completes ten years as CM, he may even claim to be greater than Goddess Chamundeshwari."

Dr. Yathindra

Siddaramaiah

Prathap Simha

'Minister of transfers' jibe

Simha alleged that Yathindra's statement reflects Siddaramaiah's own views. "Yathindra, the de facto 'Minister of Transfers' in this Government, now says his father surpasses Nalwadi in stature and contribution. Siddaramaiah once likened himself to Devaraj Urs, later claimed to be even greater — perhaps next, he'll place himself above the Goddess," Simha remarked.

Citing past incidents, Simha accused Siddaramaiah of disrespecting the royal legacy. "When citizens urged him to preserve Devaraja Market, he mockingly asked if the money was coming from the Maharaja's palace. Later, he celebrated Tipu Sultan, who dethroned the Wadiyars."

Simha alleged this contempt extends to civic neglect: "The Maharajas built dignified funeral facilities; today, even a death certificate is costly. Siddaramaiah studied at a university founded by the Maharajas, yet hasn't built a single school or college. Nalwadi enlightened this land, while Siddaramaiah pushes it into darkness."

'Show us his contribution'

Aiming at Yathindra, Simha challenged: "You're a doctor — tell us what your father has done for Mysuru. The new DC Office came up under late V. Sreenivasa Prasad; Maharani's Commerce College under MLA Vasu; Jayadeva Hospital was approved by former CM Yediyurappa with efforts by MLA Ramdas and land from late H.S. Shankaralinge Gowda. Siddaramaiah contributed funds — Rs. 180 crore for construction, Rs. 127 crore for a non-functional super-speciality hospital. Beyond that, what has he achieved?"

Simha further claimed the historic K.R. Hospital, built by the Maharajas, remains poorly maintained and Mysore Medical College marked its centenary "without receiving even Rs. 100 from the Government."

He ended with a sharp comparison: "Your comment is like comparing someone who installs a drinking water unit to the one who built the KRS Dam. As the unofficial Minister of Transfers, you've profited from postings — from PDOs in Mysuru to the Police Commissioner in Bengaluru — but neither you nor your father has made lasting contributions to this city."

Outrageous to compare Rajarshi with MUDA site looters: Ashoka

Bengaluru / Mysuru, July 27 (BCT)- Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashoka termed Congress MLC Dr. Yathindra's statements "an insult to the Mysore royal family." Ashoka demanded that Yathindra issue a public apology.

"It is outrageous to compare someone like Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, who pawned gold to build the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, with those involved in looting 14 sites from the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA)," he remarked.

R. Ashoka

Ashoka further noted Wadiyar's contributions in establishing institutions such as the Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Ltd. (KSDL) Factory and the University of Mysore, and for initiating steps toward social justice — efforts that he said shaped modern Karnataka.

Even Siddaramaiah's admirers will not appreciate this: Prof. Krishnegowda

Mysuru, July 27 (BCT)- Referring to MLC Dr. Yathindra's remarks on Nalwadi Wadiyar, noted littérateur Prof. M. Krishnegowda said that Mahatma Gandhi himself had hailed Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar as a Rajarshi.

"Renowned British author Paul Brunton described Nalwadi as a philosopher-king, while British statesman Herbert Samuel compared him to Emperor Ashoka. At the First Round Table Conference in London, John Sankey praised Mysore as 'the best administered State in the world.'

When reporting his demise, 'The Times' of London wrote, 'The Maharaja of Mysore, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, is second to none among the rulers of the world in administration and philosophy.'

Krishnegowda

Mysuru, shaped by Nalwadi's vision, continues to be hailed by global urban planners as one of the best-planned cities in Asia," Prof. Krishnegowda noted.

"Now, Dr. Yathindra claims that his father Siddaramaiah's contribution to Mysuru's development is greater than that of Nalwadi. At this rate, tomorrow, a follower of a Corporator might say, 'No Siddaramaiah has done what my 'anna' has done for Mysuru,' and even that statement will draw a few claps," he said.

Yathindra may be a Congress MLC, a doctor and an educated individual. Even if he felt so, given that Siddaramaiah is his father, he should have shown humility and decorum. Such comments should not be made in public. Even Siddaramaiah's admirers will not appreciate this statement," Prof. Krishnegowda added.

ACC announces Asia Cup 2025 schedule

Indo-Pak clash on Sept. 14

New Delhi, July 27- The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) yesterday announced the schedule for Asia Cup 2025, according to which hosts India will take on arch rivals Pakistan on Sept. 14. The tournament to be played in T20 format will be held from Sept. 9 to 28.

The tournament will feature a total of 19 matches with total of eight teams in two groups. While, India and Pakistan have been named in Group A and the Group B has Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. With four teams to qualify for the Super 4 stage, India and Pakistan are certain to qualify with UAE and Oman being the other two teams in Group A. The group stages matches in the Group B will be interesting with Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Bangladesh fighting for the qualification to Super 4 stage.

Although, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has hosting rights, tournament is being held in UAE – Abu Dhabi and Dubai due to ongoing tensions between India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

India will be defending the Asia Cup. The team led by Rohit Sharma had won the tournament in 2023 which was held in 50 over format.

SCHEDULE

GROUP STAGE

Sept. 9	(Tuesday)	:	Afghanistan vs Hong Kong
Sept. 10	(Wednesday)	:	India vs UAE
Sept. 11	(Thursday)	:	Bangladesh vs Hong Kong
Sept. 12	(Friday)	:	Pakistan vs Oman
Sept. 13	(Saturday)	:	Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka
Sept. 14	**(Sunday)**	**:**	**India vs Pakistan**
Sept. 15	(Monday)	:	Sri Lanka vs Hong Kong
Sept. 16	(Tuesday)	:	Bangladesh vs Afghanistan
Sept. 17	(Wednesday)	:	Pakistan vs UAE
Sept. 18	(Thursday)	:	Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan
Sept. 19	(Friday)	:	India vs Oman

SUPER 4 STAGE

Sept. 20	(Saturday)	:	Group B Qualifier 1 vs Group B Qualifier 2
Sept. 21	(Sunday)	:	Group A Qualifier 1 vs Group A Qualifier 2
Sept. 22	(Monday)	:	Rest Day
Sept. 23	(Tuesday)	:	Group A Qualifier 1 vs Group B Qualifier 2
Sept. 24	(Wednesday)	:	Group B Qualifier 1 vs Group A Qualifier 2
Sept. 25	(Thursday)	:	Group A Qualifier 2 vs Group B Qualifier 2
Sept. 26	(Friday)	:	Group A Qualifier 1 vs Group B Qualifier 1
Sept. 27	(Saturday)	:	Break Day

FINAL

Sept. 28	**(Sunday)**	**:**	**Final Match**

Darkness aids drug peddlers

No streetlights, no crackdown: Marijuana users haunt Metagalli burial ground

Police teams raiding the Metagalli burial ground with mobile phone torches in the absence of street lights.

Mysuru, July 27 (RK&BCT)- Efforts by City Police to crack down on rampant marijuana (ganja) use near a burial ground in Metagalli have been crippled by one unexpected factor — pitch darkness.

Non-functional streetlights have turned the area into a safe haven for drug users, hampering raids and allowing offenders to slip away undetected.

The Metagalli burial ground, which has now gained notoriety as a hotspot for illegal activity, has prompted repeated Police action.

Yet, operations remain handicapped due to the Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) failure to repair lighting despite repeated requests.

In one recent raid, Inspector Arun of Metagalli Police Station led a team to intercept suspected ganja users after receiving a tip-off. But as the Police closed in, the offenders melted into the darkness and escaped.

Residents say the burial ground has become more infamous for drug abuse than for its intended solemn purpose, creating an atmosphere of fear and unease.

"Families performing last rites are deeply disturbed by the illegal gatherings. It's unsafe even to pass by after dark," said locals, demanding swift civic action.

Inspector Arun had formally requested MCC Zone Office-5 to restore lighting in February. However, with no response from the civic body, frustration among residents and the Police is mounting.

Citizens and law enforcement alike insist MCC must act immediately to restore street lighting and help dismantle the drug network exploiting the area's eerie isolation.

MDMA unit busted in Mysuru

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Garage turned drug lab

The gang had set up a temporary distillation unit inside a vehicle garage on the Ring Road service lane at Belavatta, within Narasimharaja (NR) Police Station limits. During the raid, the Police seized a massive quantity of liquid MDMA worth crores of rupees.

By the time the operation was carried out, the gang had already manufactured 13-kg of MDMA, with another 50-kg in the final stage of production. The accused were reportedly producing crystal-like substances by boiling various chemical compositions.

According to Police sources, this is the first time such a large quantity of MDMA has been seized in Karnataka. A Maharashtra Anti-Narcotics Squad team, led by an Inspector, travelled to Mysuru to coordinate the raid.

Tip-off from Maharashtra peddler

The breakthrough came after the arrest of a veteran drug peddler in Maharashtra, who revealed details of the manufacturing unit in Mysuru during interrogation. Acting on this information, senior officers from Maharashtra contacted their counterparts in Karnataka, leading to the coordinated raid around 7 pm yesterday.

Investigations revealed that the garage served as a front, with a concealed facility at the back, housing three large containers used for chemical distillation.

Liquid form raises fresh concerns

MDMA is usually sold in tablet or powder form, fetching high prices in the illicit market. However, the substance seized in Mysuru was in liquid form — typically converted into tablets or powder before distribution. Authorities are now probing whether this conversion process is being carried out locally or elsewhere.

Officials fear that drug syndicates are using Mysuru the way terrorists use safe havens — taking advantage of the city's quiet reputation to stockpile and process narcotics without drawing attention.

Since two of the accused are Mysuru residents, an FIR has been registered at Narasimharaja Police Station. Investigations are underway to trace their local connections and determine the role of the garage owners or the landowners in the operation.

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Plant viruses slash India's farm yields by up to 30 percent, says IISc. expert

CFTRI and Good Food Institute (GFI) India, signed an MoU during the National Symposium at Cheluvamba Hall in CFTRI, Mysuru, on Friday. Seen are (from left) former CFTRI Director Dr. V. Prakash, IISc. Bengaluru (retd.) Professor Dr. H.S. Savithri, CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, GFI India Members and CFTRI's Department of Planning, Monitoring & Co-ordination Head Dr. Nandini Shetty (extreme right).

Mysuru, July 27 (GA&VNS)- Plant viruses are responsible for a 10-30 percent reduction in agricultural yields across the country, said Dr. H.S. Savithri, retired Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

She was speaking at the inauguration of CSIR-CFTRI Platinum Jubilee Lecture Series 2024-25 and the National Symposium on 'Plant Protein: Structure-Function, Human Nutrition and Technological Advances' organised by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) at Cheluvamba Hall on Friday.

Dr. Savithri highlighted the urgent need to develop permanent solutions to address plant virus-related crop losses. "The country faces an annual loss of about 15 billion dollars due to plant viruses, with bananas, paddy and tomatoes among the worst affected. Banana viruses alone caused losses worth Rs. 350 crore between 2007 and 2010, while paddy crop losses are estimated at around 1 billion dollars annually," she noted.

Rising food demand by 2030

Former CFTRI Director Dr. V. Prakash drew attention to the escalating food demand projected for 2030. "The global requirement will touch five billion tonnes by 2030. Meeting this demand through a single production system is impossible; we need multiple food production units. With changing lifestyles and the rising popularity of ready-to-eat foods, technology and research will play a decisive role in addressing these challenges," he said. He also traced CFTRI's legacy — from developing infant foods to instant meals and diabetic-friendly RTEs — and highlighted innovations in plant proteins such as Miltone, Suruchi Meetha, Mysore Atta and various weaning formulations.

Dr. J. Viswajanani Sattigeri, Head of CSIR-Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), New Delhi, spoke on India's traditional food systems, referencing classical culinary texts and the scientific insights embedded in Ayurveda-based dietary practices.

Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director of CFTRI, Dr. Nandini Shetty, Head of the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Co-ordination, CFTRI and several other dignitaries were present.

Protein Plus Slice launched

On this occasion, CSIR-CFTRI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (UoM) with Good Food Institute (GFI) India, marking a significant step in collaborative research and development.

Earlier, in collaboration with McDonald's, CFTRI launched the innovative Protein Plus Slice in the presence of Yogesh Kadam, Minister of State for Food and Drug Administration, Government of Maharashtra, and Akshay Jatia, CEO of Westlife. The launch underscores CFTRI's focus on impactful innovation with strong industry relevance.

The collaboration between CSIR-CFTRI, SYMEGA and McDonald's R&D team has prioritised key attributes: High protein content, improved moisture retention to avoid sogginess or dryness, thin and flexible slices for better layering and enhanced flavour profiles such as umami and smokiness.

Prof. Rangappa conferred with Distinguished Chair Professor by NASI

Mysuru, July 27 (PM&VNS)- In yet another milestone, University of Mysore former Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. K.S. Rangappa has been conferred with Distinguished Chair Professorship by National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI).

Prof. Rangappa

This is an important achievement that will be recorded in the history of University of Mysore.

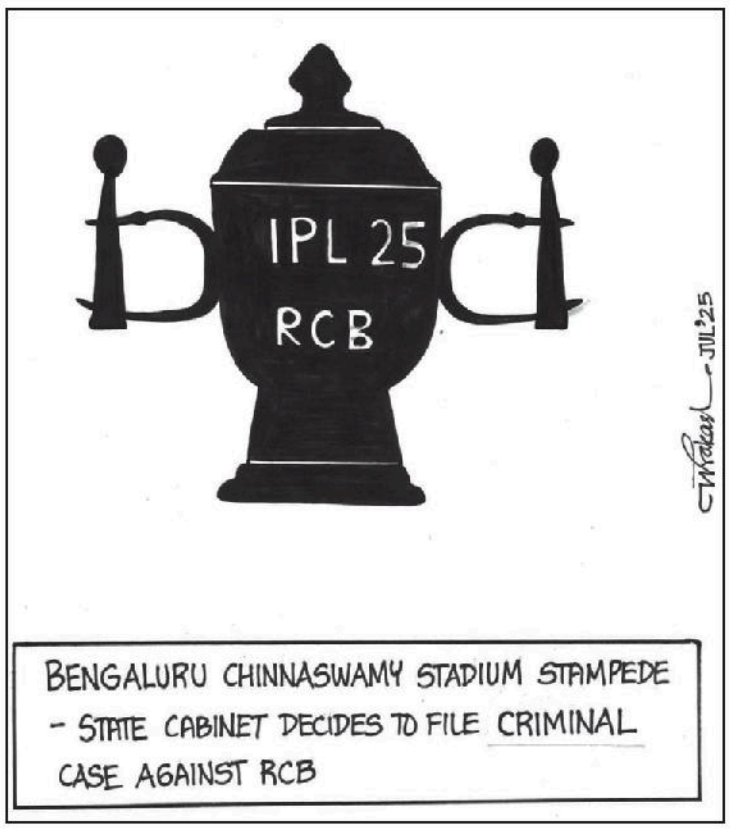
NASI is the first Science Academy of India, which was established in 1930 with an objective to provide a national forum for the publication of research work carried out by Indian scientists and to provide opportunities for exchange of views among them.

NASI is supported by Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and is also recognised as a scientific and industrial research organisation by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India. In 2025, NASI established Chairs named 'NASI Distinguished Chair Professor' to appoint superannuated professors by considering their lifetime achievements and impactful contributions to science. This Professorship will enable Prof. Rangappa to carry out research initially for 3 years with the possible extension of 2 more years.

It may be noted that recently, Prof. Rangappa was inducted as a Fellow of the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) of UNESCO, a rare distinction among Indian Academics and has been invited by the TWAS to participate in its general conference to be held in Brazil from Sept. 29 to Oct. 2 this year. He has published over 650 research articles and holds 14 patents in the area of cancer biology and guided 65 candidates for Ph.D degrees, which is an unmatchable achievement among his peers. It is heartening that despite limited facilities at the State University setting, Prof. Rangappa has done University of Mysore proud by his unparalleled scientific endeavours. Prof. Rangappa had also served as the President of Indian Science Congress.

TEASER

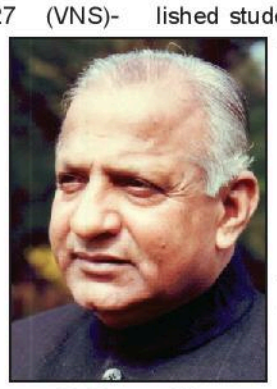
By N. Prakash



Hectic preparations on for unveiling D. Devaraj Urs statue

Members of Arasu Prathime Prathistana Samithi led by its President Zakir Hussain holding talks with Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa recently.

Mysuru, July 27 (VNS)- Preparations for installation of former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs statue at Deputy Commissioner's office premises has reached the final stages with Arasu Prathime Prathistana Samithi all set to invite Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to unveil the statue on Aug. 20 to mark the birth anniversary celebrations of D. Devaraj Urs.



D. Devaraj Urs

Samithi State President Zakir Hussain and office-bearers held discussions with Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and MLA Tanveer Sait in this regard.

D. Devaraj Urs, who is known as the 'Reformer of Backward Classes,' was responsible for abolition of carrying night soil by Dalits and bonded labour. He also initiated measures to ensure people belonging to the backward classes got access to education. He also established student hostels for backward classes and minorities. During his tenure, in 1977, separate Backward Classes and Minority Department and Karnataka Backward Classes Development Corporation were formed. Devaraj Urs was also responsible for announcing the policy 'Land to the tiller' advocating the transfer of agricultural land ownership to individuals who cultivate it and also for renaming the then 'Mysore State' as 'Karnataka.'

The Samithi, realising the need for establishing the statue of Devaraj Urs, who is a native of Mysuru district, had approached the State Government for installing the former CM's statue in Mysuru which is now on the verge of realisation.

Samithi Hon. President M. Chandrashekar, Hon. Advisor Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, State Chief Convenor Dairy Venkatesh were present.

Separate Caste Census by State Govt. unnecessary: MP Yaduveer Wadiyar

Samajika Nyaya Jagruti Vedike hosts a seminar on Caste Census; BJP OBC Morcha National President Dr. K. Laxman among participants

Mysuru, July 27 (BLU&BS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has said, it is unnecessary on part of the State Government to conduct a Caste Census on its own against the decision of the Centre to conduct nation-wide caste census.

Yaduveer Wadiyar shared his views during a seminar on 'Jati Janaganati: Hinnele-Munnele' organised by Samajika Nyaya Jagruti Vedike, at a private hotel in the city yesterday.

Suggesting the State Government to toe the line, as the Centre would be conducting the Caste Census scientifically, Yaduveer said, the Centre's initiative has the validity of the Constitution and is applicable to whole country. But the same exercise of the State is restricted to a particular jurisdiction.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar addressing the seminar organised at a private hotel in the city yesterday as MLCs K.R. Ravikumar and A.H. Vishwanath, BJP OBC Morcha National President Dr. K. Laxman and State BJP OBC Morcha President R. Raghu Kautilya, MLA T.S. Srivatsa and others look on.

During his previous tenure Chief Minister Siddaramaiah wasted Rs. 165 crore on Socio-Economic and Educational Survey, which was popularly known as Caste Census. Now, Siddaramaiah is harping on conducting another round of Caste Census on the lines of Telangana State, dancing to the tunes of the party high command, which in no way is related to the State. With this the previous Caste Census conducted by the H. Kantharaj Commission is thrown into the dust bin. Does the tax payers' money spent on the Census has no value? asked Yaduveer Wadiyar.

The progress of Mysuru in every field that began during the tenure of Maharajas and continued during the modern era is a model for the country. With the fresh Caste Census announced by the State, we are going backward instead of moving forward, rued Yaduveer Wadiyar.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has several achievements to his credit including the construction of Ayodhya Ram Mandir. The issues encompassing the Caste Census is likely to be addressed, and the State Government should back the Centre, instead of charting its own course.

BJP OBC Morcha State President R. Raghu Kautilya said, the seminar is intended at exposing the real face of those doing politics in the name of Caste Census. The interaction aims to discuss issues conceptualised on the lines of *Anubhava Mantapa*, founded by 12th century social reformer Basavanna.

BJP OBC Morcha National President Dr. K. Laxman, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former Mysore Varsity VC Prof. G. Hemanth Kumar, and others were present.

Heights of arrogance: MLC Vishwanath lambasts Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah

Mysuru, July 27- MLC A.H. Vishwanath has lambasted MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, for crediting his father with achievements surpassing those of erstwhile Maharaja of Mysore Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

Vishwanath questioned, is it possible for Siddaramaiah to steer the State towards development akin to the Maharajas of Mysore and former CM D. Devaraj Urs? It is really a matter of grave concern to think about what fate has in store for those who have been riding high on ego that is palpable with their arrogant remarks.

"It has become common for Siddaramaiah to claim credit for providing 5 kg free rice. But D. Devaraj Urs has granted the ownership of 21 lakh hectares of land to tillers, by introducing Land Reforms Act. The motto behind such a landmark decision was to feed the have-not by snatching from the hands of haves. Likewise, the development works initiated by Urs will remain for eternal till Sun and Moon exist," he lauded.

The Caste Census announced by the Central Government is a historical move, with a deadline to complete the exercise by 2028. Amidst this, Siddaramaiah has set a deadline to complete the State Caste Census by the end of September this year, that coincides with Dasara vacation and the people prefer to go on tour and the schools remain closed. However, it is incorrect on the part of the Government to depute teachers for the Census, said Vishwanath.

Congress Government had constituted several Commissions including the one headed by social activist Kaka Kalelkar, but never had cursory look at even a page of the report, with no history of implementing any of the recommendations. There exists 2,399 backward castes in the country and 237 among them are most backward, with the thrust on their uplift. Instead of doing that, Congress Government should not resort to politicise the Caste Census. Is it possible to complete the Census in a short span of time, as Siddaramaiah has fixed September deadline? Moreover, Siddaramaiah feels enlightened at times and the result of his realisation is now H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission and then H. Kantharaj Commission.

—K.R. Ravikumar, MLC

Congress Government has binned several reports of the Commissions it had formed earlier, blatantly ignoring the recommendations aimed at the uplift of backward classes economically, socially and academically. Despite being at the helm for 50 years, the Congress in no way thought about proving beneficial for backward classes. Nehru ruled the country for 17 years and never implemented the recommendations of Kalelkar Commission. Neither did Indira Gandhi, who succeeded her father as the Prime Minister showed the will to implement Kalelkar report. Wholly, the contributions of Congress Government for the cause of backward classes is zero.

—Dr. K. Laxman, BJP OBC Morcha National President

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—Kota Srinivas Poojary, Udupi-Chikkamagaluru MP

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Further the general public is hereby warned that the said document may be misused and hence the general public is hereby notified not to transact on the basis of the said document. In spite of it, in case of any transaction is made on the basis of the said lost document they will be doing at their own risk and they shall not be having any rights and my client shall not be responsible for it whatsoever.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land in Sy.No.524, Sy.No.547 Sy.no. 549, Sy.no. 544/1, Sy.No.548, Sy.No. 546, Sy.No.577, Sy.No.564, Sy.No.545, Sy.No. 544/2, Sy.No.552 all situated at Yadavanahalli village, Begur Hobli, Gundlupete taluk, Chamarajanagara District.

B.S. Sowmya, ADVOCATE
No.1461, 2nd Floor, South End, "A" Road, Block, East End Jayanagar,
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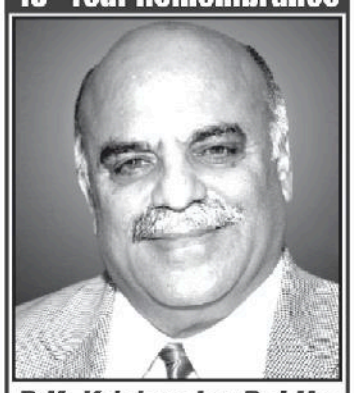
Bangalore 25/07/2025

13th Year Remembrance



B.K. Krishnadev Raj Urs
(Rtd. J.C. of Commercial Taxes)
DOB: 6.06.1942 DOD: 27.07.2012
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From Family & Friends

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the general public that my client AMBARI ABHYUDAYA a registered Partnership Firm intending to purchase the property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder written from its owners Sri.H.N.Prashanth, S/o.Sri.H.S. Nanjundaswamy, his wife Smt. Kanmani and their daughter Inchara. P.

All person/s having any claim against or in respect of said property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to me with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned herein below, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and my client shall proceed to purchase Schedule Property.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

All the piece and parcel of land bearing Sy. No.254/8 measuring 32 Guntas, Sy. No. 254/11 measuring 32 Guntas and Sy. No.259/2 measuring 30 Guntas totally measuring 2 Acres 14 Guntas, situated at Huyilalu Village, Elawala Hobli, Mysore Taluk. **Boundaries: In respect of Sy. No. 254/8 & Sy. No. 254/11,** East by: Land belongs to Chikkeeregowda, West by: Land belongs to Kemapaiah, North by: Land belongs to Chikkabettaiah, South by: Land belongs to Chikkegowda.

Measurement: 32 Guntas & 32 Guntas

Boundaries: In respect of Sy. No.259/2 East by: Land bearing Sy. No.34, West by Land bearing Sy. No.54, North by : Land bearing Sy. No.258, South by: Land bearing Sy. No.26.

Measurement 30 Guntas

Totally Measuring: 2 Acres 14 Guntas

Sd/- **M.S. Jinachandran,** Advocate
#1206/A, CH-31/A, First Floor, New Kanthraj Urs Road, Near Ballal Circle, Chamarajapuram Mysore - 570005.
Ph.: 9986139767

Date: 26.07.2025, Place: Mysore

WORD OF THE DAY

Jettison

Pronunciation: JET-uh-sun (verb).
Meaning: When you jettison something, you get rid of it either because it is not needed or because it is impeding your progress or otherwise weighing you down.
Origin: Jettison comes from the Anglo-French noun geteson (literally "action of throwing"), and ultimately from the Latin verb jactare, meaning "to throw." The noun jettison refers to a voluntary sacrifice of cargo to lighten a ship's load in time of distress, and is source of the word jetsam, the word for goods that are so jettisoned; that word is often paired with flotsam ("floating wreckage"). These days you don't have to be on a sinking ship to jettison something: the verb also means simply "to get rid of."
Example: "A 2017 study found that participants who wrote a to-do list before bed instead of journaling about their accomplishments fell asleep 'significantly faster.' ... 'The more specifically participants wrote their to-do list, the faster they subsequently fell asleep, whereas the opposite trend was observed when participants wrote about completed activities,' the study authors wrote in the Journal of Experimental Psychology. They speculated that writing down tasks lets you jettison your worries, so you don't need to think about them while trying to sleep." — Tracy Swartz, The New York Post, 20 Jan. 2025

THE ODD WORD

Jesuitical

Cunning; quibbling.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Jaywalk

Meaning: You use the term 'Jaywalk' to describe the act of crossing the street in a non-designated area, usually between signals.
Origin: The term 'Jaywalk' came into use in America, sometime between 1910 and 1920. The "jay" portion of the word has to do with boldness and impudence of the type commonly associated with jaybirds.
Example: "If you jaywalk, you're likely to be hit by a car."

QUOTE BOX

All of us do not have equal talent. But, all of us have an equal opportunity to develop our talents. **— Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Shut up and sit down / Sit down and shut up.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Morales of movies
5 To study hard
9 Implore or solicit?
12 Wooden containers you can bathe in?
13 Luxurious
14 Assoc. in Pub. Admin.
15 Obscene talk
16 Cyberspace
18 Ovid's 1,554
20 Computer communications device
21 Titter - "E thee" anagram?
22 Ireland's ___ Lingus
23 Operatic princess
24 Modify the text
27 Ski lift (1-3)
31 Chafe, cause friction
32 Very strange
34 Brit. award
35 Heroic tale
37 Gives permission
38 Abstract noun suffix
39 Horizontal Situation Indicator
41 "Freedom is my birthright....." patriot ?
43 Boys Scout founder Sir __-Powell
46 Divers' complaint
47 Suitably, appropriately or fruitfully
50 Overlay with wood
52 Pass away
53 Edict, an absolute order
54 Afternoon for the Aussie
55 Water barrier
56 Honour or entertain lavishly?
57 Nav. readings

DOWN

1 U.F.O. pilots
2 Summarised or recapitulated, in a way? (6,2)
3 Arabian sheikdom (3,5)
4 Tropical fibre
5 Petty criminal
6 Succeeded
7 Orig. sound track
8 Subject
9 Musical group
10 Fencing sword
11 Global Air Traffic Mgmnt.
17 Wild party
19 Inst. of Elec. and Electronics Engrs.
21 Grow weary
22 Working (2,2)
25 Food Store - "idle" anagram?
26 Anger
28 Large rounded rocks
29 Irritating
30 Stench
33 Italian noble family
36 Kitchen boss
40 Powdered tobacco
42 Ancient Peruvians
43 Herman Melville's hero Billy ___
44 Eastern continent
45 Judge
46 Unit of computer information
48 Untruth
49 Latitude, abbr.
51 "L" in L.A. the famous city ?

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

S	U	E	Z	■	G	M	A	N	■	S	R	O
A	N	N	E	■	L	A	T	E	S	H	O	W
S	I	V	A	■	O	C	C	A	S	I	O	N
S	T	Y	L	I	S	H	■	R	E	V	S	■
■	■	■	O	M	S	■	B	E	S	E	T	S
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A	G	L	■	R	I	G	■	M	I	D	S	T
P	R	I	S	E	D	■	O	R	O	■	■	■
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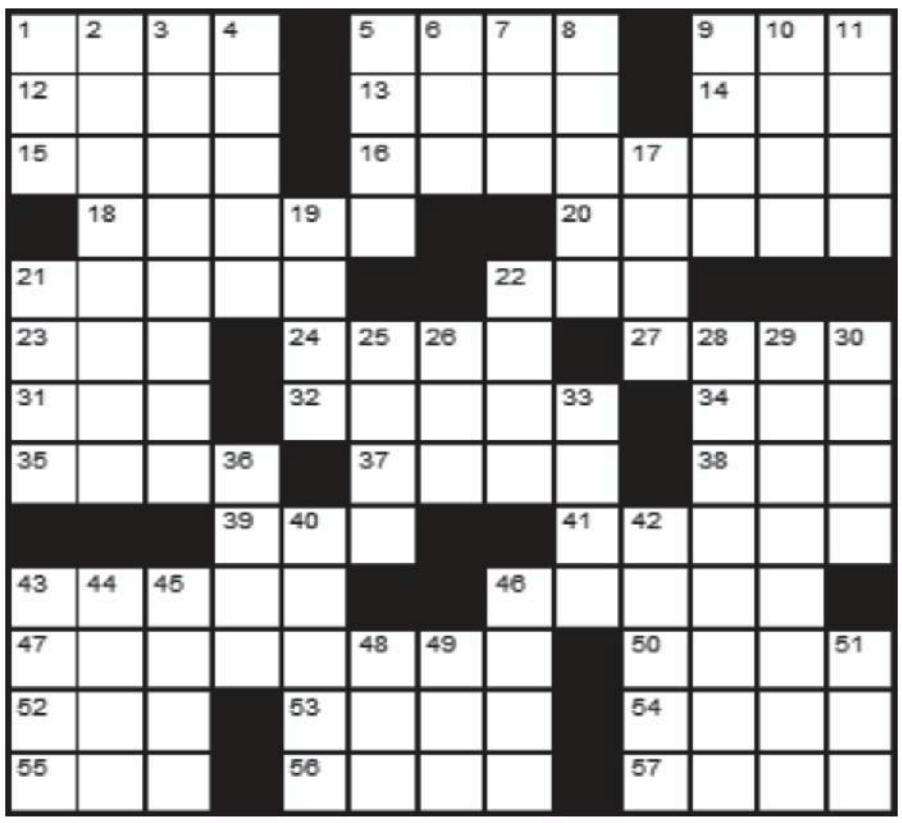

SUDOKU

		1						
	3		1			2	8	
	4		7		3			1
9	6			5				
	2						6	
				8			2	4
7			6		4		3	
	1	6			9		5	
						4		

Answer to previous puzzle

4	3	6	7	5	2	1	9	8
5	8	7	3	1	9	2	6	4
9	2	1	6	8	4	5	3	7
2	9	3	1	4	5	7	8	6
8	7	4	2	3	6	9	5	1
6	1	5	9	7	8	4	2	3
7	5	2	4	6	3	8	1	9
3	4	8	5	9	1	6	7	2
1	6	9	8	2	7	3	4	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

S UFPPNK LFG QDWKDWI KDSPZL QSEE ZWK CWKKWI

ST QW UDFPZW; QDFK S UFP LFG SL KDWG HRLK

UDFPZW ST KDWG FIW KN ZWK CWKKWI.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS W

Friday's Cryptoquip: If you lend someone a thousand rupees, and never see that person again; it was probably worth it.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
  Junior (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 99008-20093**
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- **Gayathri Theatre** **Ph: 2443568**
  Ekka (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** **Ph: 2520494**
  Su From So (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Dammunte Kasko (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** **Ph: 2423554**
  Maareesan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Saiyaara (H) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Saiyaara (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Su From So (K)	(S-1)	8 am, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-2)	8.20 am, 11.10 am
	(S-3)	7.40 pm; (S-4) 4.15 pm
The Fantastic 4 First Step (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.35 am; (S-3) 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Junior (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Saiyaare (H)	(S-1)	4.05 pm; (S-4) 9.50 am, 1 pm, 10.10
Nilgiris: A shared Wilderness (E)	(S-2)	2.05 pm
Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm, 10.10 pm
Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (Te)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Ekka (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.15 pm; (S-4) 7.10 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K)	(S-3)	4.20 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Saiyaara (H)	:	10 am, 3.45 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Ekka (K)	:	10.20 am, 12.55 pm, 6.45 pm
Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (Te)	:	10.35 am, 9.30 pm
Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (K)	:	6.20 pm
The Fantastic Four: First Steps (E-3D)	:	10.55 am, 4.05 pm, 9.35 pm
Junior (K)	:	1.05 pm
Su From So (K)	:	1.10 pm, 3.50 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	1.35 pm
Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta)	:	4 pm, 6.45 pm
Maareesan (Ta)	:	9.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (Te)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 7, 10.20 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.40 pm, 3.50 pm, 7, 10.10 pm
The Fantastic Four: First Steps (E-3D)	:	9.35 am, 11.55 am, 2.30 pm 7.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Su From So (K)	:	9.45 am, 1.15 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Ekka (K)	:	9.55 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Bandook (K)	:	10.20 am
Junior (K)	:	12.35 pm
Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta)	:	3.45 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E)	:	4.05 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (H-3D)	:	5.05 pm
Maareesan (Ta)	:	6.40 pm
Pride and Prejudice (E)	:	9.45 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009

The Fantastic Four: First Steps (E-3D)	:	9.25 am, 11.45 am, 5.10 pm 7.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (Te)	:	9.55 am, 3.50 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	10.05 am, 4 pm, 10.15 pm
Junior (K)	:	11 am
Ekka (K)	:	1 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Su From So (K)	:	1 pm, 7.10 pm
Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness (E)	:	2.10 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	2.20 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 78299-99465

The Fantastic Four: First Steps (E-3D)	:	9 am, 11.35 am, 7.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	9.10 am, 3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Ekka (K)	:	10.05 am, 4 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (Te)	:	10.50 am, 12.25 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Su From So (K)	:	1.10 pm, 2.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Junior (K)	:	2.10 pm
Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta)	:	5 pm
Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness (E)	:	5.20 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (Te)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 7 pm
Hari Hara Veera Mallu - Part 1 (K)	:	3.40 pm
The Fantastic Four: First Steps (E-3D)	:	9.05 am, 11.40 am, 5 pm, 10.30 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.25 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta)	:	10.25 am, 7.35 pm
Bandook (K)	:	1.20 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	2.15 pm
Ekka (K)	:	3.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Su From So (K)	:	4.30 pm
Swapna Mantapa (K)	:	7.20 pm
Maareesan (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 27)

- **Kadali Mahila Vedike, City and District Units of Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Valedictory of Silver Jubilee celebrations and conferment of 'Kadali Shri' award, Murugha Rajendra Mutt Seer Sri Mallikarjun Murugharajendra Swamiji and President of Mudabidri's Alva's Education Foundation M. Mohan Alva will be present, city entrepreneur Chaya Nanjappa and JSS Dental College faculty and mountaineer Dr. Usha Hegde will be felicitated, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **3 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA):** Valedictory of 2-day Journalists Sports Meet 2025, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah distributes prizes, MDJA President K. Deepak presides, K.R. Nagar MLA D. Ravishankar felicitates International Basketball Player Kaliyanda Dr. Reshma Chengappa and Sports Reporter Girish Doddamani, Oval Grounds, **3.30 pm.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru:** Valedictory Ceremony of 58th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival and 5th International Nirantara Kalemane Bharatanatya Dance Competition, 'Kalemane Kalashree Award' presentation, awardees are Maddikere Gopal (Social Service), B. Balakrishnayya (Education), M. Chandrashekhar (Literature and Social Service), M.S. Basavanna (Journalism) and Nani Hebbalu (Journalism), Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **4 pm.**
- **Mysuru Ratna Samskrutika Pratishtana, Mysuru:** Book release, felicitation and interaction programme, Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji of Sri Urilingapeddi Mutt graces the occasion, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah will be present, ADC Dr. P. Shivaraj releases the book 'Ambedkar Vicharadhare - Naaneke Opputtene,' written by 101 writers and edited by writer-journalist Poorigali Maradesha Murthy; Human Rights Activist Prasanna and DEED Director Dr. S. Srikanth chief guests, Ambedkar Award recipient Harihara Anandaswamy presides, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Jhankar Nritya Shikshayatan - Kathak Dance School, Mysuru:** 'Kathak Nritya-Raag Manjari,' the Annual Programme of the School specially curated by Guru Praveena Mitali Ghosh, Karnataka Kalashree Dr. H.K. Sheela Sridhar, a renowned professional in Bharatanatyam and Bharathi Vittal, eminent Guru and Visionary Artiste of Kathak & Bharatanatyam, chief guests, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** 'Greeshma Rangotsava-2025' in memory of late theatre person C.G. Krishnamurthy (CGK), staging of play 'Kalasutra' by Abhiyanthararu, Mysuru, written by Aniketha Bole, translated by Prakash Parvatheekara, directed by H.S. Suresh Babu, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Science Theatre Festival Trust, Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru and Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM):** 8th edition of Mysore Science Theatre Festival (MSTF), Serendipitous Science: Quiz for all - Dr. Berty Ashley, Molecular Biologist, Quizzer, Author, Mysuru; 'Ganitha Kunitha' by B.S. Krishnamurthy, Mysuru; Sun Spot Viewing, Women in Science and Books Exhibition, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Staging of play 'Moorane Kivi' by Parivarthana Ranga Samaja, Mysuru, script adapted from the book by Ravindra Bhat, directed by Prof. S.R. Ramesh, Sri RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Himalaya Foundation, Mysuru and Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya, Mysuru:** Malladi Sri Raghavendra Swamiji Jayantyotsava, Mysore Yoga Okkuta President K.G. Devaraj inaugurates, Senior Sanskrit Vidushi Dr. K. Leela Prakash, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana Secretary Kempalingaraju and Brahmasri Narayanaguru Yoga Mandira Trust Founder B. Shantaram chief guests, Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya Founder Shivaprakash Guruji presides, Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, Mass prayer, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani' (written by Lakkanna Dandesha) by Dr. K. Anantharamu, Vaachana by Vid. K. Ramachandra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** 'Sanmarga,' a Bharatanatyam recital programme by four senior disciples of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy — Dr. Lakshmi Rekha Arun, Vidu. Vibha Girish, Vidu. Sreelakshmi Thejas and Vidu. Soundarya — as an Endowment Programme in Memory of Kamalamma & Gopalakrishna Chetty, sponsored by A. Shankar Chetty & Sons, Jewellers who are also celebrating Centenary Year of their Business, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Benedictory address in English by revered Swami Divyanandaji, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Harakeya Kuri,' written by Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, directed by Deepak Mysore, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 28)

- **Mysuru Jilla Kannada Vrutti Rangabhoomi Kalavideyara Sangha, Department of Kannada & Culture, Mysuru and Bengaluru:** 36th Annual Mythological Theatre Festival — Pouranika Ranga Sambhrama — [Event is supported by Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Drama Scenery Mulluru Devaraju's Lightings, Sri Mahadeshwara Sounds & Mike, Ravi Varakodu], Town Hall, **10 am.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** State-level Handloom Exhibition and Sale 'Hathkargha Mela,' JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, Mysuru, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, Special puja, **Morning;** Mass prayer, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani' (written by Lakkanna Dandesha) by Dr. K. Anantharamu, Vaachana by Vid. K. Ramachandra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Interaction Programme:** Interaction on the topic 'Environment: A Bharatiya Perspective,' Rakesh Jain, All India Coordinator, Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi, will be present, Madhava Krupa, JLB Road, **7 pm.** [Mob: 99167-22563]

Health Talk

Mysuru, July 27- As part of monthly Health Talk series, the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, has arranged a talk on 'Fostering positive health transformations through Yoga and Naturopathy at its premises in Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, specially for senior citizens, on Aug. 4 at 5 pm.

Dr. Kushala Yashwanth, holding Bachelor Degree in Naturopathy & Yogic Sciences and Master's Degree in Clinical Nutrition, offering a comprehensive understanding of holistic health care, will be the speaker. Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraju will preside. [Mob: 99804-12406]

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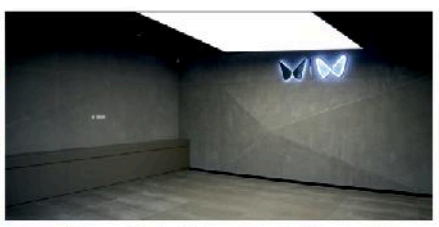
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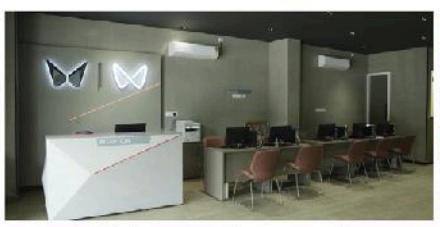
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